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Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ JOBLESS RATE UP IN FEBRUARY

The unemployment rate rose a bit in McMinn County in February. The February jobless rate was 8.2%, up from 7.9% in January. Unemployment dipped a bit in Meigs County, falling from 9.3% in January to 9.2% in February. The jobless rate in Monroe County was 9.5% in February, up from 9.4% in January.

◆ GOOD MARKS FOR WATTS BAR UNIT 2

TVA got some good news this week concerning the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. After being fined \$70,000 last year for failing to verify equipment reliability, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now says that TVA is meeting all regulatory standards for construction of the Unit 2 reactor at Watts Bar.

◆ GOING AFTER DISTRACTED DRIVERS

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness and Enforcement Month. Last year, there were 54 fatalities as a result of distracted driving in Tennessee. State troopers will be keeping an eye out for violators of Tennessee's law against texting and driving. The Governor's Highway Safety Office urges drivers to pull over when they need to make a call or send a text, or consider asking your passengers to make the call or text for you.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A single shot from a British sniper killed six Taliban insurgents when the bullet hit the trigger switch of a would-be suicide bomber's device. The incident took place in southern Afghanistan but has only now been disclosed as Britain prepares to withdraw all combat forces by the end of the year. The unnamed soldier also prevented another major attack when a second suicide vest was found nearby.

◆ The new CEO of General Motors, Mary Barra, and David Friedman the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are being pressured from Congress for answers about why it took at least a decade to recall cars with a defective part that has been linked to 13 deaths. The defective part was a small spring inside the ignition switch that failed to provide enough force which caused the car engine to turn off when it went over a bump. A light set of keys could move the ignition out of the "run" position causing the engine to stall, and the driver to lose power steering and power brakes. General Motors has recalled 2.6 million cars for the faulty switch.

◆ Tiger Woods will miss next week's Masters after undergoing back surgery for a pinched nerve that has troubled him for months. Woods pulled out of his traditional Masters warm-up event in Florida last month and released a statement on his website saying he was withdrawing from the first major of 2014, starting at Augusta National on April 10.

ATHENS FEDERAL CHARITABLE AUCTION
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Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m. - Bid to Buy Auction House

Eat with us! Food booth opens at 5 p.m. and is open throughout the auction. NOW accepting personal donations for auction (furniture, electronics, housewares, etc.) at AFCH in Athens (106 Washington Ave) or Etowah (523 Tennessee Ave). Call 745-1111 for more info.

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- New hands-free entrance
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Athens, Tennessee

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants were inspected between February 25th and March 21st. A score of 70 or above is passing.

Mexi-Wing, Etowah - 94

Shoney's of Athens - 93

Hardee's, Calhoun - 93

Firehouse Subs, Athens - 92

One additional school cafeteria has been inspected since our listing of cafeteria inspection scores last week.

Riceville Elementary School - 99

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting safety belt checkpoints in McMinn County today.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center in Athens will have its Annual Spring Bazaar this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be homemade bake sale items for sale, along with hand-made crafts, jewelry, spring and Easter decorations. Breakfast will be served starting at 9 a.m. and lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. The lunch menu includes "Cabbage Patch Soup and BBQ."

Obituaries

Stacy Lynne Norris, age 41, of Athens died Monday at her home. She was a native of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and had lived the last 10 years in McMinn County. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

POINT OF GRACE IN CONCERT THIS FRIDAY

Award-winning contemporary Christian singers Point of Grace with special guests, Our Three Tenors, will be in concert this Friday, April 4th, at 7:30 p.m. at Athens City Middle School. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door.




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